

Interview Summary	Application No. 09/991,287	Applicant(s) STROBEL, RICHARD W.	
	Examiner John J. Zimmerman	Art Unit 1775	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) John J. Zimmerman. (3) Richard Strobel.
 (2) Barry Kelmachter (Reg. No. 29,999). (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 21 January 2004.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.
 If Yes, brief description: photos of electroplated substrates.

Claim(s) discussed: all pending claims.

Identification of prior art discussed: Brinkmann, Lupfer, Arai.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The issue of determination of hardness in GPa units was discussed. Further information on this issue will be submitted by applicant. Regarding the rejections based on art, the examiner suggested a showing that the claimed hardness in the references are not inherent.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

JOHN J. ZIMMERMAN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required